

"If you can awaken
inside the familiar
and discover it new
you need never
leave home."

Ted Kooser in *Local Wonders*



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POETRY OF PLACE 2023

CALL FOR
SUBMISSIONS

STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-12





ABOUT POETRY OF PLACE

Please join the Nebraska Writing Project in the annual Poetry of Place celebration, a project that reflects life in Nebraska through poetry.

The purpose is to encourage Nebraska students to engage with their places through writing poetry and to make that writing more visible.

We invite teachers of grades 1-12 across Nebraska to incorporate poetry of place in their classrooms and to submit outstanding student work.

Details, writing prompts, lesson plan resources, and past years' winning poems can be found at unl.edu/newp/poetry-of-place

SUBMISSION PROCESS

DEADLINE APRIL 3, 2023

Forms are located at
unl.edu/newp/poetry-of-place

Instructions for students & parents / guardians:

- All Nebraska students, grades 1-12, are invited to submit an original poem reflective of that student's "place" to their teacher.
- Download, print, and sign the Permission and Release Form. Turn in the completed form to the student's teacher.

Instructions for teachers:

- Coordinate within your school to select no more than 12 student poems per school—four poems from each of the three grade divisions (1st-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade).
- Fill out the online Cover Letter for each student who is submitting a poem.
- Email students' poems (labeled with student's grade and poem title) and their signed Permission and Release Form to NEpoetryofplace@gmail.com by April 3, 2023.

Nebraska State Poets Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason will read the poems and, based on quality and their representation of Nebraska place in rural, urban, and suburban settings, choose 9 to 12 poems statewide to be published on the Nebraska Writing Project Website.

The selected student poets will be invited to read their work at the **Poetry of Place Celebration** on **May 12, 2023** at the State Capitol in Lincoln, alongside Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 3, 2023: Deadline

Poem and signed Permission and Release Form emailed to NEpoetryofplace@gmail.com

Online Cover Letter filled out at unl.edu/newp/poetry-of-place

Late entries will not be considered.

April 28, 2023: Notification of Results

Selected poets and teachers will be notified via mail and email, others via email.

May 12, 2023: Poetry Reading

Poetry reading 4:00-5:30 PM in the Rotunda at Nebraska State Capitol with selected poets and Nebraska State Poets Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason.